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IRISH CAUSE.

Friends of Irish freedom are frequently encouraged when they read the Louisville Herald, whose columns are not wholly under the British propaganda. Last Sunday the Herald had this kindly expression:

"That the Irish cause is to be heard at Paris, presented by representative American citizens, is excellent good news. We can not but believe that they will have the most sympathetic and respectful of hearings. And we are reminded of that query—it still remains unanswered—put in the Senate with ten others by Mr. Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey:

"Is it possible that if the League of Nations is adopted, as proposed, people who were formerly subject to our enemies shall have the right of self-determination, but such right shall be denied to people who are subject to those who fought with us against our enemies?"

PEACE OF WORLD.

The constitution of the League of Nations is being amended to meet some of the objections made against it in this country. That may lessen the opposition to the plan, but it is still very doubtful whether a workable organization can be perfected to prevent war. As the league is more fully discussed it appears to be rather a dream than a practical reality. The United States can not become a guarantor of peace for all Europe without radically changing the whole policy of the nation. As far as we can see, the League of Nations offers no solution of the Bolshevik problem that is now confronting Europe. That is the great danger that is threatening the peace of the world. What can the League of Nations do to save Europe from the chaos that threatens? That is the test of the league's efficiency. It may avail against autocracies, but against anarchy it seems to be powerless. And anarchy is fully as dangerous as autocracy and not less threatening. And the peace delegates are talking about a League of Nations while Bolshevism sweeps on westward.

DID THEIR BIT.

"One Hundred Thousand Irish Soldiers Seeking Employment. Crisis Over Demobilization in Dublin." So read newspaper headlines. And we thinking the Irish didn't do their bit! exclaims the Canadian Freeman. Cardinal Mercier says: "The Irish people are the oldest and purest nationality in Europe, and their noble adherence to faith and nationality the most glorious record in history." Very Rev. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C., President of the University of Notre Dame, pertinently asserts that "England is today the one obstacle to the fulfillment of America's dream of a world free from tyranny and enforced submission. She affects a maudlin sympathy for distracted, desolated Belgium, with Ireland, a Belgium of her own making, lying prostrate under her wheels these last seven centuries." America as a whole is beginning to bravely and boldly assert herself in favor of Irish self-determination. In addition to the National House of Representatives the following States to date have passed resolutions in favor of self-determination for Ireland: Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio, Montana and Pennsylvania.

ANXIOUSLY WAITING.

The public at large is anxiously waiting for the Mence to publish the war record of the Junior Order, the Daughters of Liberty, the Daughters of America and the other A. P. A. organizations that were frantically waving Old Glory around here before the war. But what an awful change when the war broke out. They all broke their neck organizing peace at any price organizations.

FALL'S STRONG STAND.

Speaking before the Legislature of New Mexico, United States Senator Albert B. Fall, of that State, declared that he would not vote for a League of Nations which would give England five votes to one for the United States. "If the present League of Nations plan is adopted, Great Britain will rule the league, and I object to America's becoming a subsidiary country to the British Isles," he said. "It is not

our business to put down a revolution in Ireland and I am frank to say that the Irish have a right, unless the Declaration of Independence was a lie, to rebel if they please. I will never vote to send one of your sons, or put him in a position where he may be sent, to prevent a revolution in Ireland."

ENVOYS FOR FREEDOM.

The three leaders named as delegates from the Irish race convention to the Peace Conference at Paris are now on the ocean, and millions will pray that their journey may prove fruitful. In a statement given out in Washington Chairman Walsh, in explaining the purpose of the committee, said:

"The committee is going to France as American citizens, holding no allegiance, actual or spiritual, to any other nation on earth, but imbued with the necessity of extending the principles of free government to Ireland, which is the typical small nation of the world being deprived of the right to determine for itself the form of government under which it shall exist."

BOLSHEVISM.

With Bolshevism threatening Europe people are beginning to ask whether there is danger of that peculiar brand of insanity penetrating to this country. We already have the beginnings of it in the I. W. W. activity which started in New York five years ago. Whether Bolshevism will develop in this country as it has developed in Europe will depend largely on how we meet the problem of labor and wages. A living wage and fair treatment for the workingman are the best safeguard against Bolshevism here. Those who stand against these are the best promoters of Bolshevism.

UNREST IN EUROPE.

The wave of unrest that is passing over Europe is accounted for in many ways, and the majority of those who seek for the cause find it more in material than in moral or spiritual matters. The root of this unrest, says Prior Gilbert Higgins, C. R. L., lies in the forsaking of God's truth:

"What is at the bottom of this seething unrest which threatens to convert peace into as great a curse as war? The absence of the peace of Christ from the hearts of too many—that is the root of the mischief. The heart of man was created for God, and it will never rest until it rests in Him. The power to rest in God is the blessing bought for us by the blood of Christ. This peace He offers us, but on the condition that we follow Him to the cross, crucifying our inordinate appetites and even denying ourselves sometimes legitimate satisfactions—such denial hardening us and training us to fight when unlawful temptations face us. But this invitation to mortify ourselves will fall on deaf ears if the word of Christ does not dwell in our hearts, and it can not dwell where it has not entered. The misery is that through the banishing of religious instruction from most schools in this nation, English children have not been fed abundantly on the word of Christ. They have never acquired a taste for that heavenly bread, and grown up they will have none of it. Sermons do not attract; churches are empty. The goods of the present life are all the goods they know. In the struggle to secure them arise the sad conflicts of which we are witnesses. Catholic education imparts the words of Christ, and his word spells peace, as the glorious name of Jesus spells salvation for the world."

Marse Henry Watterson is no longer in any way connected with the Courier-Journal, having retired as editor emeritus on Tuesday. For fifty years he gave that paper his best, but difference upon public questions brought about his retirement. The Courier-Journal may be more consistent than of yore, but it will never be the same without Marse Henry.

The election of Thompson as Mayor of Chicago forces the Republican party to do some mighty tall explaining.

ALUMNAE MEETING.

The Holy Rosary Alumnae advanced its April meeting two weeks and met at the academy Sunday afternoon instead of on the third Sunday of April, which this year falls on Easter.

NONE SHOULD FEAR.

Any citizen who fears that the Victory loan will not be subscribed has little of the confidence and courage that made America famous at Cantigny, Chateau Thierry and in the Argonne Forest.

COMING EVENTS.

April 11, 13, 16—"Pilate's Daughter" by Holy Rosary Alumnae in Academy Auditorium, Fourth and Park.

April 21—Entertainment for Holy Trinity church in hall at Kentucky and Dupuy streets.

April 20, 21, 22—Annual carnival of Trinity Council, Y. M. I., in hall, Baxter and Morton.

April 21, 22, 23—Holy Cross Church Vaudeville Review, in school hall, Thirty-second and Broadway.

April 28-29—Carnival of Nations, St. Cecilia's school hall.

May 6 and 7—Annual charity entertainment of Ladies' Sewing Society for St. Anthony's Hospital at Phoenix Hill Hall.

May 8—Moonlight excursion of Columbia Athletic Club on Steamer Island Queen.

BILL CASEY.

Of all the harum-scarum guys I ever knew, beneath the skies, An "extra man" who worked for us Was hard to beat—an Irish cuss Named "Casey!"

This bird could ride and fight and swim;

All rough-house stuff was pie for him!

He never quailed at bumps and jars—

There was an awesome bunch of scars

On Casey!

When'er we had a part, though small,

That called for courage, brawn and gall,

Which "extra man" did we select

To pull the stuff? Well, I expect 'Twas Casey!

Who was it left us on the run

When Wilson, out in Washington,

Rolled up his sleeves to wallop Fritz?

Who said "So long!" and up and quit?

This Casey!

Who was it, joined with the Marines,

At Chateau Thierry changed the scenes?

Who won such praise, a medal and

The Cross of Valor? "Extra man,"

Bill Casey!

But Casey's fighting days are o'er;

Back to the plant is he once more.

He's lost a leg, but not his grin,

And we are proud to squeeze the fin

Of Casey!

There is one guy that needn't fret

About a job, for you can bet

Long as he lives—God bless his soul—

A name will be on our payroll—

"Bill Casey!"

—Harry J. Smalley.

SOCIETY.

C. R. Leonard passed most of last week in New York City.

Charles C. Culp was among last week's arrivals at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Miss Althaire Mattingly, of Lebanon, is here for a visit of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kern have returned from a sojourn at French Lick Springs.

Mrs. John J. Moritz, who underwent an operation at the Deaconess Hospital, is now convalescent.

Mrs. Alfred Slack and daughter, Miss Lucille, have been spending two weeks with relatives at Buechel.

Col. and Mrs. George B. Barrett, who have been spending the winter in Havana, Cuba, will be home next week.

Misses Mildred and Katherine Spaulding, of Lebanon, have been with the Misses Sale on Fourth street.

Miss Mabel Murphy, who was the guest of Mrs. L. Donahue in Oakdale, has departed for her home in Canada.

Mrs. Kate Carroco, of Stithon, and Mrs. Jennie King were recent guests of Miss Mollie Reesor at Parkview.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Hook, of Beechmont, have been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hogan, visitors from Chicago.

J. W. Brown was a Louisville visitor in New York the past week, spending several days at the Holland House.

Miss Viola Kappesser, of Highland Park, was here last week for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kappesser.

Miss Evelyn Sweeney, who spent last week with her mother, Mrs. James Sweeney, in Jeffersonville, has returned to Stithon.

Misses Frances and Nellie Odewahn and Edith Redding were recent visitors at Highland Park, the guests of Mrs. Fred Reichart.

J. J. Martin, who recently returned from France, is being entertained by his mother, Mrs. M. Martin, at her home in Oakdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodloe O'Neal will go to Pewee Valley on April 19 to spend the summer with Mrs. O'Neal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harcourt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wathen, Mrs. Richard L. Condon and Master Wathen Condon are home after spending the week-end at French Lick Springs.

Mrs. Rosa Henneberger announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Elinor Henneberger, to Henry C. Walter. The wedding will take place in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Zach D. Wheat were here on a visit this week to friends and relatives. Mr. Wheat is field captain of the Brooklyn ball

club and went from here to Jacksonville to join the team in training camp.

Mrs. J. Steller announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Esther A. Steller, to G. H. Wrocklage. The wedding will take place the latter part of this month.

Mrs. Catherine Minsterketter announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Mary Virginia Minsterketter, to Perry W. Bahr. The wedding will take place June 4.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Milligan, of Taylorsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary E. Milligan, to Z. Otis Singleton. The wedding will take place in May.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Straub, of 1913 South Preston street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Leona F. Straub, to Z. Otis Singleton. The wedding will take place in May.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson and sons, Messrs. James Thompson, Jr., and Frank Thompson, have returned from their winter home at Osprey, Fla., and have opened their home at Anchorage.

Miss Elizabeth W. Franke, who has been spending the winter in New York, will return to Louisville early in June and be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Franke, at their home in Anchorage.

Miss Catherine O'Connell had as her guests last week at her home at Prestonia Miss Durrett Oglesby and Messrs. King Shields and Dan Krietzler, who have just returned from sixteen months' service in France.

RETURN TO GERMANY.

First Lieut. Frank J. Higgins, who went to France with the American forces from Camp Shelby and was sent into Germany with the army of occupation, writes that he has completed another three months' military training course in France and has returned to his machine gun battalion at Mosel Kern. He says he is in perfect health but gives no intimation of how long the army will remain in Germany.

FATHER HILL BETTER.

The parishioners and friends of Rev. John T. Hill, pastor of St. Ann's church, will be rejoiced to know that his condition is improving and that he was able to set up Thursday in his room at St. Mary and Lincoln hospital. Two weeks ago Father Hill suffered an attack of bronchial pneumonia and was hurriedly removed from his home to the hospital, where for a week his condition was cause for grave alarm.

VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN.

Peyton B. Bethel, chairman of the Victory Loan Campaign Committee for Louisville and Jefferson county, returned the first of the week from a meeting of representatives of the Eighth Federal district held in St. Louis, feeling confident that we would again be first in going "over the top." The old four-minute forces will begin activities on April 14 and continue until May 2. The Victory Loan campaign has been set for the week beginning Tuesday, April 23. Chairman Marvin H. Lewis, chairman of the Speakers' Bureau, will present the greatest array of orators ever heard in Louisville.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of Circle 84, Daughters of Isabella, will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Knights of Columbus Hall. All members are urged to attend as an important business will come before the meeting, notably the final action and the adoption of the constitution and by-laws. Those desiring to contribute to the Father Ryan memorial fund are requested to do so at this meeting, as the time is drawing near for the completion of the fund. The Daughters of Isabella of Louisville have been making great progress and are likely to soon have an initiation that will surpass the record of any circle in the country.

GOOD WORK.

The National Catholic War Council, to carry on the war work of the Knights of Columbus, has an office in the Walker building at Fifth and Market, to give free assistance to discharged soldiers and sailors, give only to employment but also to secure their bonus and to advise them about their United States insurance and matters of kindred nature. Committees have been organized in nearly every parish in the State of Kentucky to give assistance and reports are coming in every day showing the good work which is being done. Hon. E. J. McDermott is chairman and Judge S. J. Boldrick is secretary of the committee in charge of the work in Kentucky.

LIPTON AMAZED.

Of all the changes in this country since his last visit in 1913, Sir Thomas Lipton on Monday found in New York that he considered the passing of the prohibition amendment the most remarkable. Sir Thomas declared that he was surprised because it had always been his opinion that American citizens would never permit their freedom of action to be hindered in any way. "Prohibition could not come in England," he said, "and it is with great amazement that I see that you in this country have passed the amendment providing that a man shall not drink certain things, even if he wants to and has the price. In England we have always rather imagined Americans as being the freest people on earth and as being most jealous of that freedom. What will you do when prohibition is in force? Will it be easy to obey the law?" The mission of Sir Thomas is for the purpose of inspecting his yacht, the Erin, on this side since the outbreak of the war, and issue another challenge for the America's Cup.

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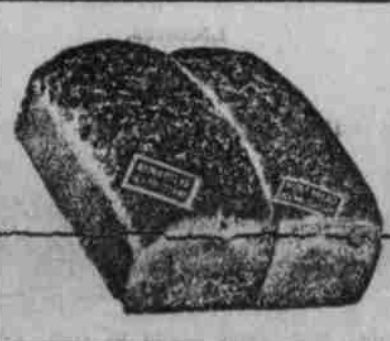
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POSTPONED.

The annual retreat for the Knights of Columbus, which was announced for the past week, has been postponed till after Easter.

ANTIDOTE FOR IMPURITY.

The intention recommended by Pope Benedict XV. for the members of the League of the Sacred Heart during April is purity. In the intention for April our Holy Father wishes to provide an antidote for the impure spirit of our age. "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God." In their fight against the church we find that its enemies appeal to the sensual side of human nature. They know that loss of faith follows often upon the loss of purity. Against the up-braidings of conscience the impure seek some solace, and would gladly deny the existence of future punishment. Experience shows that loss of purity undermines faith and the enemies of the church, knowing this, strike at faith by pampering sensual instincts. The devil is ever ready by his evil suggestions to lead careless people to adopt the wicked principles of the world and palliate horrible sins.

Purity is to be guarded carefully. Its safeguard will be found in frequent confession and holy communion. At the altar rail Christ gives us his body and blood to be the food of our souls and He gives us strength to battle against the world, the flesh and the devil. Whatever impure companions, immoral plays and books are proximate occasions of sin and must be avoided if the soul is not to drift blindly into hell. Catholic parents must guard the purity of their children. Parents who allow a boy or girl to roam the streets at night will have much to

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answer for before the judgment seat of God. They should teach their children to avoid whatever would tarnish the beauty of the soul. They should not allow the sensational and sensual type of newspaper to enter their homes. Above all parents should teach them by word and example to love frequent communion.